

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Disposition of Claims

Claims 1, 6, 30-35, 37-40, 43, 44, 49, 50, 55, 56, 73-77, 79-82, 85-86, 88-94, and 97-113 are pending.

Claims 38, 43, 44, 49, 50, 55, 56, 75, 76, 79-82, 86, 88-92, and 99-112 have been withdrawn as non-elected claims.

Claims 1, 6, 30-35, 37, 39, 40, 73, 74, 77, 85, 93, 94, and 113 have been previously elected.

II. Election/Restriction Requirement

As directed in the July 27, 2006 Office Action for Application No. 09/079,758, the Applicants make the following elections without traverse:

i) Relative to an outer polymer membrane (or its equivalent) and its specific composition, as enumerated in Claim 6, the Applicants have elected the species, “polymer alcohol.”

ii) Relative to an energy absorbing trigger particle (or its equivalent) and its specific composition, the Applicants have elected the species, “aluminum powder.”

III. Amendments to Claims

Claim 6 has been amended to reflect the elected species “polymer alcohol” relative to the genus “polymer outer membrane.” Further, Claim 6 has been amended to reflect the elected species for the genus “energy absorbing trigger particle.”

Claim 37 has been amended to define an elected species of the genus "energy absorbing trigger particle" for independent claim 77.

Claims 114-117 have been added to define an elected species of the genus "energy absorbing trigger particle" and "outer polymer membrane" (or its equivalent) for all remaining independent claims.

III. Conclusion

The Applicants submit that this paper is fully responsive to the October 10, 2006 Office Action.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 10-0447, Reference No. 46782-00007USPT (DGN).

Respectfully submitted,

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